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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John T. Kwon

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/03;3/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koike (US 4 768,486) in view of Nagaishi (US 6 539 785). Koike discloses an upstream fuel injection valve (6) provided upstream from a throttle valve (7), a downstream fuel injection valve (6a) provided downstream from the throttle valve, a detecting means (8) for sensing the throttle valve opening, a means for determining each fuel injection quantity of fuel injection valves on the upstream and downstream sides on the basis of a plurality of parameters including a throttle opening and engine speed. However, Koike does not show the use of a means for detecting the rate of change of the throttle opening in order for stopping fuel injection of the upstream fuel injection valve when the rate of change is larger than a reference rate of change. Nagaishi shows that the provision of a sensor to detect the rate of the throttle opening for controlling the fuel injection is old and well known in the art. Since the prior art references art from the same field of endeavor, the purpose disclosed by Nagaishi would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Koike. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to provide the device of Koike with the sensor for detecting the rate of change of said throttle opening as taught by Nagaishi. Regarding the claimed proportion of the fuel amount injection between two injectors, it would have been considered to be an obvious

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choice of mechanical design because one skilled in this art is familiar with basic fluid mechanic and normally has the laboratory test facilities. To optimize or select the suitable flow amount would be within the ability of ordinary skilled in this art.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toshimitsu (US 4 825 834) in view of Nagaishi (US 6 539 785). Toshimitsu discloses an upstream fuel injection valve (6) provided upstream from a throttle valve (3), a downstream fuel injection valve (6a) provided downstream from the throttle valve, a detecting means (4) for sensing the throttle valve opening, a means for determining each fuel injection quantity of fuel injection valves on the upstream and downstream sides on the basis of a plurality of parameters including a throttle opening and engine speed. However, Toshimitsu does not show the use of a means for detecting the rate of change of the throttle opening in order for stopping fuel injection of the upstream fuel injection valve when the rate of change is larger than a reference rate of change. Nagaishi shows that the provision of a sensor to detect the rate of the throttle opening for controlling the fuel injection is old and well known in the art. Since the prior art references art from the same field of endeavor, the purpose disclosed by Nagaishi would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Toshimitsu. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to provide the device of Toshimitsu with the sensor for detecting the rate of change of said throttle opening as taught by Nagaishi. Regarding the claimed proportion of the fuel amount injection between two injectors, it would have been considered to be an obvious choice of mechanical design because one skilled in this art is

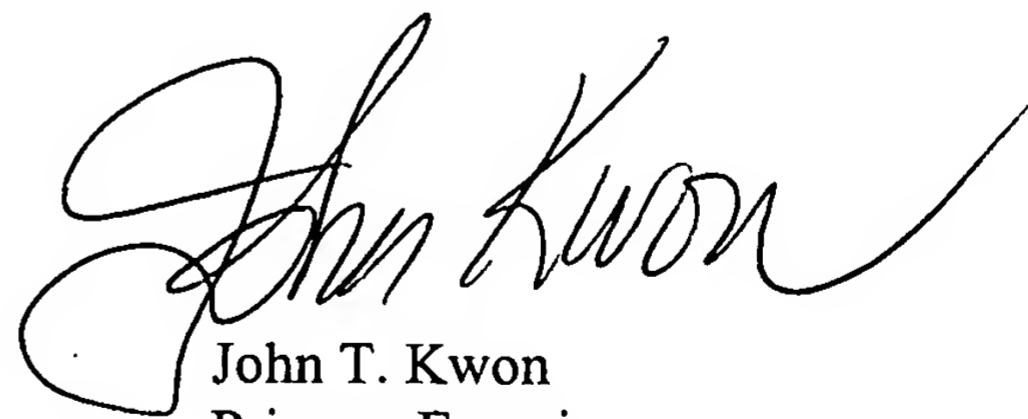
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familiar with basic fluid mechanic and normally has the laboratory test facilities. To optimize or select the suitable flow amount would be within the ability of ordinary skilled in this art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John T. Kwon whose telephone number is (571) 272-4846. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on (571) 272-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kwon", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John T. Kwon
Primary Examiner
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December 2, 2005